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1. Courses in nuclear physics are given regularly at the Physics and Mathematics Faculty of the University of Sofia where atomic physics is a standard subject of instruction. Courses are given by Professor Elizabeth Karamikhailova, staff teacher in the subject and author of a volume published in 1950, entitled "Notes on Atomic Physics." This volume is sold at the university library.
2. Practical experiments are carried out in the atomic physics laboratory of the university which is located at 14 Shipka Street, at the corner of Masaryk Street. Professor Karamikhailova lives at 11 Masaryk Street. The laboratory is taken care of by a certain Dzheliu Mitranil who also acts as an assistant to Professor Karamikhailova.
3. Courses in atomic and radiological defense designed to teach the civilian population methods of defense against this type of warfare were opened in 1953, following orders issued by the Ministry of Interior, probably on orders from Moscow. These courses are the responsibility of DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbrana; Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance), and are entrusted to PVKhO (Protivo Vuzdushna i Khimicheska Otbrana; Antiaircraft and Chemical Defense), as well as to other previously existing courses for chemical and antiaircraft defense.
4. These courses are given in every plant, factory, enterprise, and organization by elements selected among Communist Party members who have followed special courses at the Ministry of Interior. At the beginning of each course an inaugural address is given by a State Security officer who stresses the great importance of the subject as well as its timeliness.
5. Small training manuals have been printed and issued to the civilian population.

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